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On behalf of the Belgian Government and in accordance with Security Council resolution 794 (1992), paragraph 18, I have the honour to inform you that Belgium, in the context of the humanitarian operation under way in Somalia, has deployed an airborne battalion of infantry, comprising 587 men.

The battalion was initially deployed in Mogadishu on 13 December 1992 and moved towards Kismayu on 20 December 1992. The battalion's troops, in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 794 (1992), are seeking to establish a secure environment in the region for humanitarian relief operations. In this connection their objective is to allow the effective use of lines of communication and to safeguard port installations in Kismayu. The troops are also assisting in the disarmament, as appropriate, of factions and armed bands.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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